programmes, keeping in view the availability of funds and need to cover the entire country as far as possible.

(c) Under the scheme, the proposals are considered only with the recommendations of the concerned State Government/Union Territories Administrations. The final instalment of grants-in-aid is released to the NGO after receipt of audited statement of accounts/Utilisation Certificates duly certified by the Chartered accountant and necessary documentary proof of having completed the programme. Feed-back of State Government is also taken into account at this stage.

Regulatory Authority for Private Ports

1821. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up a regulatory authority with the emergence of private ports and the prospects of enhanced trade through them;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it would be in place?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Work on NH-47

1822. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on the NH-47 in the Nattrampaly-Chennai sector is progressing slowly;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken to expedite the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) Nattrampally is connected with Chennai by NH-4 & NH-46 via Ranipet.